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Applicant	: Keidar, Yaron	Confirmation No. 4112
Application No.	: 10/618,033	
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Title	: TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE	

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	18	*22	0	x $26.00	x $52.00	0
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x $110.00	x $220.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				$195.00	$390.00	0
TOTAL FILING FEE						0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 18						

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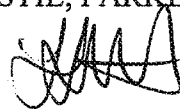> *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST
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